



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
SR-6J

January 29, 2013

Paul Bucholtz
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Constitution Hall, 3rd Floor
525 West Allegan Street
P.O. Box 30426
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7973

Dear Mr. Bucholtz,

Subject: Identification and Initial Selection of Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) for the Former Plainwell Mill Site – Plainwell, Michigan

In accordance with CERCLA §§300.400(g) and 300.430, EPA is formally requesting Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to identify the State's respective applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) and other pertinent guidance to be considered (TBCs) in relation to the Former Plainwell Mill Site in Plainwell, Michigan. Since the project is about to enter into the early stages of the comparative analysis and the selection of preliminary remediation goals are based upon readily available information, such as ARARs and TBCs, I am requesting that **this information be provided by March 1, 2013** in order for EPA to have adequate time to review the ARARs prior to the meeting scheduled at the Site in Plainwell on March 20, 2013. It should be noted that the State will have the opportunity after the detailed comparative analysis is completed to add any additional ARARs or TBC for consideration.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila Desai", is positioned above the typed name.

Sheila Desai
Remedial Project Manager
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cc: N. Wood, EPA – ORC (electronic)
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